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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BENTON et al.

Examiner: Philip C. Tucker

Application No.: 09/900,533

Group Art Unit: 1712

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Docket No.: 00087CIP (3600-295-01)

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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR CONTROLLING SCALING AND COMPLETION FLUIDS

Expedited Procedure Requested
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 9, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated July 16, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a two-month Petition of Time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before December 16, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.